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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, DR  
SUBJECT: U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICA: THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: STATE 083680

1. THE RECORD OF THE DR IN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, AS SHOWN IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS, IS RELATIVELY GOOD AND THEREFORE THE US DETERMINATION TO LINK THESE PRACTICES TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DOES NOT AFFECT THE DR'S INTENTION TO USE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE MAKE AVAILABLE.

2. IMET: OF THE \$500 THOUSAND AUTHORIZED FOR FY 77, ABOUT 80 PERCENT WAS "FENCED" FOR OPERATION OF THE CANAL ZONE MILITARY SCHOOLS (CZMS). OF THE REMAINDER, VIRTUALLY ALL HAS BEEN USED FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THESE SCHOOLS. THE DR HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SHARE IN THESE COSTS BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COME UP WITH FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. UNLESS "FENCING" CAN BE REDUCED OR FUNDS OBTAINED ELSEWHERE, THERE IS NOTHING LEFT IN THE FY 77 PROGRAM. \$750 THOUSAND HAS BEEN

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PROPOSED FOR THE FY 78 IMET PROGRAM. AT FY 76TQ COST LEVELS, AND WITHOUT "FENCING," THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. IF "FENCING" IS AGAIN IMPOSED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONLY A FEW OF THE TOP PRIORITY PROFESSIONAL COURSES TO DR CAREER OFFICERS AND CADETS. THE DR IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNAL TRAINING CAPABILITIES, BUT REMAINS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON IMET, AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROGRAM CONTINUED AND STRENGTHENED.

3. FMS CREDIT: DOLLARS ONE MILLION OF FMS FINANCING WAS OFFERED FOR FY 77. THE SAME LEVEL IS PROPOSED FOR FY 78. THE DR MILITARY PROPOSE TO ACCEPT AND USE ALL SUCH FINANCING, BUT A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON FY 77 IS STILL PENDING. DESPITE BUDGETARY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFICULTIES WE BELIEVE THAT HE WILL AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING AND USE IT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT IN FY 77 AND FY 78.

4. FMS CASH: IN ADDITION TO UPGRADING THE AIR FORCE, THE DR STILL NEEDS TANKERS AND PATROL CRAFT FOR THE NAVY, AND NEEDS TO REPLACE OVERAGED SMALL ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND MOTOR TRANSPORT FOR THE ARMY. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS IS NOT SYSTEMATIC AND DEPENDS UPON A VARIETY OF FACTORS INCLUDING ABILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARMED SERVICES TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN REVENUES, AVAILABILITY OF BARGAINS, AND AD HOC DECISIONS OF THE PRESIDENT. THROUGH FY 76 THE DR WAS A MAP RECIPIENT, AND POST-MAP SPENDING PATTERNS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED. WE ESTIMATE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AT ABOUT \$9.5 MILLION ANNUALLY IN FY 77 AND 78, BUT EXPECT THE DR TO EXPEND LESS THAN HALF THAT AMOUNT.

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